CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	186_1[1].jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400528.017
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 August 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	18 August 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout is a posed photograph showing three naked girls in their early to mid-teens. One girl blatantly exhibits her genital area, with the other girls assisting in the display. The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in underage girls. The availability of this material encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the idea that young people may be used for adult sexual gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.